mun Your sty to find the remainder by getting for it a loan of the neces-
sary nsider t from, say, the Devaswom Department.

As reg pathway should be opened due east of the Nityakalyaniam-
mang it int on the northern side of the Hanumannadi by acquiring some
smærnmeps of land by the side of the Nanja fields so as to enable dead
bodpreseeing conveniently removed to the cremation ground. The cost
incuy od for the acquisition of the site might be recovered by the sale
of thovland already existing in the locality which was practically unfit
for dcinmunication. The municipality could not do the work, as the
lande proposed to be acquired lay outside municipal limits.

The Dhobikhana situated west of the Suppanchetti bridge should
moved to some place lower down the bathing ghat. The munici-
pality could not do anything in the matter as the present site of the
Dhobikhana was outside the limits of the municipality.

In view of the inaccuracies detected in the last survey of minor circuit areas, the taking of encroachment cases in respect of these areas should be stopped until a re-survey was made.

PRESIDENT: Mr. Putarjuna Aiyar, you have described what great need there is for a proper water supply to the Shencotta town. The subject has been the subject of an interpellation in the Legislative Council and the reply was :

'Now the Council has not yet forwarded its considered proposals in the matter. It is only after r eceiving the proposals from the Council the question can be taken up by Government'.

As regards the opening of a new pathway due east of Nithyakalyani Amman Koil, the Chief Engineer reports that it will cost only Rs. 500, a work that the municipality could do. As you say, however, that the path will be outside the municipal limits the Government will give due consideration to your representation.

As regards the removal of the Dhobikhana, you say that is also outside the municipal limits. The President of the municipality wants Government to take action in the matter. The District Magistrate will be asked to take necessary action.

As regards encroachment cases in respect of minor circuit areas within the Municipality, no doubt it is desirable to have the resurvey for the Shencotta town. But in the 24th session the question was pressed by the Shencotta member and the Dewan gave the following reply :

" In regard to the re-survey of the Shencotta town, the Government have said that it will do so if the Municipality contributes to meet half the cost But your Council is not prepared to do so, and therefore, you must go without it".

100. Needs of Shencotta.

MR. L. PUTARJUNA AIYAR (*Member, Municipal Council, Shencotta*) spoke on the following needs of Shencotta:—

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Pending the formation of an irrigation board for Shencotta, the tanks in the taluk should be restored in the order of their urgency, and it should be made the rule that a work already started should be completed before a fresh work was taken up.

Nominations to Village Panchayat Courts should be made only from among literate persons and a few seats should always be reserved for men possessing a knowledge of law. The principle now followed *viz* of representation of communities led sometimes to the nomination of most incompetent men. The administration of justice by these persons gave rise at times to ludicrous situations.

A clients' shed and a vakils' room should be provided in the Munsiffs' Court, Shencotta. The small building on the north-west side of the court-house which was till recently being used as the dining-room of the treasury guards might be handed over to the vakils after making the necessay repairs, so that they might use it as a retiring room. But Government had already ordered the demolition of the building and unless that order was revoked at once, it might perhaps be too late to think of handing it over to the vakils. The local bar was very poor and hence this request to Government for a room at Government expense.

A grazing ground should be provided in the taluk for pasture of cattle.

The salaries of the clerical and menial staff of the municipality should be adequately revised so that they might be brought into line with the scales obtaining in British India.

PRESIDENT: Mr. Putarjuna Aiyar, the rules regarding the proposed Irrigation Boards have been referred to the Additional Head Sirkar Vakil for opinion. Your suggestion that the tank restoration works that are taken up are pushed to completion in preference to leaving several works incomplete will be sent to the Chief Engineer.

As regards the appointment of judges to Village Panchayat Courts, the present practice is to appoint gentlemen of worth, position and standing. It is not done exactly in the manner that you mention. It is not possible to draw any hard and fast rule that a certain number of judges should be legal practitioners. But the Government will, I dare say, take the necessary steps to have in the Panchayat Courts members who can administer the law properly.

As regards the provision of a clients' shed and a vakils' room, the High Court wrote to Government to say that the vakils of Shencotta are arranging to put up a shed at their own cost. Now you mention that the finances of the vakils' association cannot afford to do so. Your suggestion that the building in the court compound proposed for immediate dismantling might be given to the vakils will be forwarded to the Chief Engineer for consideration and he will in the meanwhile issue telegraphic instructions not to dismantle the building until further orders.

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Your suggestion regarding the provision of grazing grounds will be considered.

As regards the increase of pay to the clerical and menial staff to bring it into line with what obtains in Britith India, it is for the Government to decide what pay the subordinates should get in view of the present conditions of living. It was only in 1100 that the scale of pay of the permanent establishment of this municipality was revised by Government. And as no proposals have been received from the municipal council thus far for increasing the pay nothing can be done in the matter just now.

The Assembly adjourned for the day at 4-30 P. M.

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